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Artist returns to New Buffalo roots with Imagine Art Gallery

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

After spending three and a half months away from the area, Chris McLaughlin has returned to New Buffalo.

Recently, McLaughlin opened a new gallery: Imagine Art Gallery and Studio by Chris McLaughlin, located at 225 N. Whittaker Street.

"I got the place in Buchanan and I didn't know this was going to happen that quickly, so here I am," he said.

McLaughlin called his time at his gallery in Buchanan a "good stop for me because people looked at me in a different light." He appreciates the expansive space at his new gallery as well as having his work grace "one, consecutive wall."

Before landing on the North Whittaker space, McLaughlin had work displayed at The Hidden Gem and was a resident artist at Courtyard Gallery and New Buffalo Art Gallery.

"I've kind of made the rounds (in New Buffalo)," McLaughlin said.

Originally from South Bend, Indiana, McLaughlin has been coming to the area since he was a teenager.

In South Bend, he worked in sales and management, having owned a limo service for 12



Chris McLaughlin stands by the main wall of his art gallery

years. After being out of work after having four rib surgeries, he picked up a paintbrush.

"I had a buddy who printed some of my photos on wood and then I painted the edges to match the face...After I got a couple of those I thought, 'Maybe I should try painting,'" McLaughlin said.

As of today, McLaughlin is up to 238 paintings, which represents two years and two and a half months of paintings.

In addition to displaying work at a gallery, McLaughlin has also done live paintings at the Drake Hotel and street festivals in Chicago. He also did live painting at the University of Notre Dame

and Ohio State game and big donor tailgates there.

"This is definitely what I'm supposed to be doing...I'm leapfrogging but I'm working hard all the time - but I love it," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin focuses on acrylic paintings - sometimes abstract, sometimes realism. He particularly is drawn to texturized acrylic paintings on canvas, which includes waterscapes.

The first painting he ever did, which is on display at the gallery, is of a lighthouse. Two of McLaughlin's

paintings that are on display depict the lake's crashing blue waves, with sand from New Buffalo Public Beach incorporated into the sandy part.

"I'm going to offer that to people, too - If somebody's parents had a favorite beach, they want some kind of memento, they can get sand from that beach and I can incorporate it into whatever painting," he said.

McLaughlin also does commission pieces, visiting people's houses and doing mockups with different pieces to show them the different sizes.

At Imagine, he plans to host different events, either inside or on the patio out back, such as yoga or cocktails and canvas events.

Imagine will be open everyday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

McLaughlin said he's been at the gallery later, though.

"I've had people walk in here at 9:30 and 10:30 and had some really good conversations about multiple spots in people's homes -those are solid conversations," he said.

For updates, follow the gallery on Facebook or visit the website, which is being updated, at www.cleaneartist.com.

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Many contested races, proposals in the upcoming state primary

COMPILED BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The following is a list of the several contested positions that will be on the state primary ballot in Berrien County Tuesday, Aug. 6:

County Commissioner: Each of the following four members of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners will be challenged in the Aug. 6 primary for a four-year term on the board: In District 10, incumbent McKinley Elliott (R), of Buchanan will be facing off against Eugene Casto (R), also of Buchanan; for District 2, incumbent Jon Hinkelman (R), of Watervliet, will be facing off against Michelle Tooker (R) of Eau Claire; District 7, incumbent Bob Harrison (R) of Stevensville will be challenged by Richard McCoy (R), also of Stevensville; and in District 12, incumbent Michael Majerek (R) of Niles will be challenged by two candidates, Jessica Gomez (D) and Sharon Tyler (R), both of Niles.

State Representative for the 38th District: Kevin Whiteford of South Haven and George Lucas of Harbert, both Republican, will be facing off in the primary for the two-year term in the 38th District State House of Representatives.

County Sheriff: One of the following four Republican candidates can be picked for the following four-year term as Berrien County sheriff: Richard Briand of Niles, Charles Heit of New Buffalo, Roger Johnson of St. Joseph and Jason Long of Berrien Springs.

County Treasurer: One candidate can be chosen for the four-year term of county treasurer: Republican Shelly Weich of Baroda and Republican Margret Fife of Stevensville.

Drain Commissioner: One of the four Republican candidates can be picked for the four-year term of county drain commissioner: Mark Krieger of Bridgman, George McManus III of Benton Harbor and Christopher Quattrin of St. Joseph.

New Buffalo Township: Two Republican candidates will be running for the four-year

term as New Buffalo Township treasurer, Patricia Iazzetto and Jack Rogers. Up to two candidates can be picked for the four-year term of township trustee: Democrat Barbara Sorenson, Democrat Howard Edward and Republican Pete Rahm.

Three Oaks Township: One of the following two candidates can be picked for the four-year term of township supervisor: Hal Rockwell and Phil Smith, both Republican.

Weesaw Township: One of the following two candidates can be picked for the four-year term of township treasurer: Margaret Cullen and Michelle Tackitt. Voters can be pick up to two candidates from the following four Republican candidates who re running for the four-year term of township trustee: Wanda Green, Arthur King, James Lewis and Robert Warmbein

The following Berrien County proposals will be on the ballot: a renewal of the Berrien County Senior Center Millage in the amount of .2997 mills for a period of four years; renewal of County Law Enforcement and Public Safety Millage in the amount of 0.3496 mills for a period of six years and the renewal of the 9-1-1 Emergency System Millage in the amount of 0.4495 mills for a period of six years.

Chikaming Township: Renewal of the township's Public Safety Millage in the amount of 1.9 mills, to be levied for a period of four years.

Weesaw Township: Renewal of the 1.0 mills Road Millage, to be levied for a period of two years and the renewal of the .35 mills Ambulance Millage to be levied for a period of four years.

Village of Michiana: Renewal of the Extra-Voted Millage for Operations in the amount of 0.9354 mills, to be levied for a period of five years.



CHESTERTON ART FAIR COMING THIS WEEKEND

The Chesterton Art Center will be bringing together artists and art lovers from all over the Midwest, and beyond, for its 65th annual Chesterton Art Fair, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3-4, at Dogwood Park in Chesterton, Indiana.

The art fair will feature over 80 artists, live music, free family art activities, food vendors and free parking.

Tickets for the fair are \$5 per person. Children under 12 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Chesterton Art Center, in advance at chestertonart.org or at the gate. — STAFF REPORTS

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Michigan City gearing up for lakefront power boat racing

BY STAN MADDUX

As many as 70 or more race teams from five continents will have boats in Lake Michigan for the 15th annual Great Lakes Grand Prix along the shoreline in Michigan City this weekend.

LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau CEO Jack Arnett said he never imagined the race would blossom into the major, award winning spectacle that it's become for the region when the event sponsored in recent years by XINSURANCE was just an idea pursued.

"We got lucky. We got tied in with some good promoters and the thing as you know has just taken a life of its own," he said.

In some years, the estimated total attendance for the race and related events has exceeded 200,000.

Events linked to the race began Tuesday with a Meet & Greet Racers Party followed by a golf outing at the Michigan City Municipal Golf Course on Wednesday.

On Thursday, there will be a VIP Party at Sunset Grille featuring the band "RockDogs" from 6-8 p.m. along with the band "AFTERMATH" performing at Washington

Park Beach that same evening from 7-11 p.m.

An open to the public food court offering alcoholic beverages will operate near the water's edge on Friday from noon until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Our list of vendors are primarily local," Arnett said.

There will be a farmers market and retailers with merchandise available for purchase outside storefronts Friday in the Uptown Arts District on Franklin St. from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A food court will also be set up during that event.

The classic rock band, "The Bones," will also play that evening at the beach from 7-11 p.m.

On Saturday, the events include the Four A's Vintage Car Show from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Washington Park; a Block Party also including a kids carnival area from noon to 10 p.m. in the Uptown Arts District and Boat Parade from 6-8 p.m. on Franklin St. from 9th to 4th streets.

The boats capable to traveling more than 150 mph will start hitting the water for testing and racing Saturday from 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

More racing is scheduled during the same time period on Sunday followed by the band, Soul Shine, playing from the roof top at Sunset Grille beginning at 4 p.m.

Arnett said it's hard to know exactly how many race teams will be participating because of last minute changes that can happen in the sport in areas ranging from mechanical issues and sponsors.

He believes the number will be similar to the roughly 70 teams from last year judging by the number of boats that have already showed up.

"We don't always know ahead of time. It's looking like we're going to have a full contingent for sure," he said.

Due to limited on-site parking, Arnett encouraged people to park at Blue Chip Casino and ride a free, air conditioned shuttle to get to and from the race Saturday and Sunday.

"Try not to drive into the park. The park is going to be full," he said.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY'S FRIENDRAISER

The benefit evening, at the library on August 3 from 7 to 9pm, will include live music, appetizers and a silent auction. The event is adults only.

Tickets are available at the library during regular hours.

Friends Membership Secretary Jurate Landwehr explained proceeds from the evening will help fund the many services provided by the library, including adult education programs, upgrades to the history room, civics materials and technology upgrades.

She added that many local businesses have donated items, including gift cards, for the silent auction.

The library offers a wide variety of programs throughout the year. August events include a presentation on the discovery of the wreckage of the S.S. Milwaukee, Thursday youth art drop-ins, and weekly Read to a Dog sessions.

Friends of the Library are a volunteer group who work with the library staff to provide fundraising and event support.

For more information on the library, or Friends, visit www.newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org.

— STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested for ax handle attack

BY STAN MADDUX

Charges are filed in connection with a man severely beaten in La Porte County with an ax handle.

Phillip Jones, 53, is charged in La Porte Circuit Court with Level 3 felony aggravated battery and level 5 felony domestic battery.

Terry Schultz, 52, was last reported in critical condition at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

The beating happened Saturday morning in the basement of a home where both men reside at 4934 N. 325 West.

According to court documents, the investigation reveals the mother and nephew of the defendant responding to the sounds of an altercation between the men went downstairs to find Schultz on the floor and Jones walking around.

Both family members went back upstairs where a call was placed to 911.

They returned to the basement after hearing the men a second time fighting and discovered Schultz on the floor again and Jones on his feet holding an ax handle.

The defendant's mother was trying to separate the men while her son using the ax handle delivered more blows to the victim's head.

Emergency responders found Schultz unresponsive.

Two days later, police said an officer tried questioning Schultz at the hospital about the case but he was having difficulty speaking.

According to court documents, Schultz suffered a fracture extending across both sides of the bone in his nose and lacerations to his face.

Schultz was also diagnosed with fractures to vertebrae in the upper and lower portions of his back, a thoracic spine fracture along with fractures to multiple ribs.

Police said Jones told investigators he threatened Schultz earlier in the day to back off from an exchange he was having a friend.

Jones said he was later sleeping in his chair in the basement when attacked by Schultz, who he knocked to the floor with a punch, according to court documents.

Jones could face anywhere from a 3 to 16-year sentence on the aggravated battery charge and one to six years on the remaining court.

SPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

The NFL will enshrine seven players into their Hall of Fame this week, including three Chicago Bears.

Devin Hester, Julius Peppers, and Steve McMichael are representing the Bears, and all earned the honor by being elite players.

Peppers was a great defensive lineman, Hester was the greatest kick returner of all time, and McMichael was one of the many stars on the Super Bowl winning 1986 team.

The one I'm happiest for is Steve McMichael. Mongo was his nickname and it fit him perfectly.

He was a stout defender in the middle of the defensive line and his play allowed Hampton, Dent, Singletary, Otis Wilson, Wilbur Marshall, and the rest of probably the best defense in history to shine. Mongo was full of bravado, strong as an ox, and playful as a child. He gave his best effort on every play and lived life to the fullest. He loved Chicago and Chicago loved him right back. After football he wrestled, participated in politics, and lived like a rock star.

Then, a little over three years ago, disaster struck. Mongo was diagnosed with ALS.

ALS, also known in the United States as Lou Gehrig disease, is a debilitating, terminal disease. At some point, the family decided to put a "do not resuscitate" order into effect, but when the Hall of Fame announced that he would be entering, Steve and his wife, Misty, decided to rip it up and allow Steve to try to live at least until his induction.

Next Saturday, August 3, is the big day.

Misty will represent him in Canton, then take a private jet home to share the award with Steve, and a block party will follow. Misty joked that if Steve wasn't sick, they may have partied themselves to death by now.

Steve's made it so far. I hope. and pray, he makes it at least another week. so that he can bask in the outpouring of love that I know Chicago will shower on him.

The Hall of Fame festivities begin Thursday night, August 1, with the kickoff of the exhibition season. The participants will be the Texans and the Bears.

In my memory, no preseason game has meant more, at least to Bears fans. It's difficult to believe that the regular season is only about a month away.

In Paris, the Olympics are off and running. The skills, dedication, and joy these athletes exhibit are wonderful to witness. Those athletes, particularly Simone Biles and her teammate, Suni Lee, are so good that it almost allows you to forget about baseball and politics for awhile.

Not completely though. The Cubs traded one of my favorite players, Christopher Morel for Tampa's third baseman, Isaac Paredes. Maybe both teams will benefit.

John Augustine Shedd said, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.



More improvements begin at fairgrounds

BY STAN MADDUX

Construction has begun at the LaPorte County fairgrounds on a new 4-H show arena that will be about twice the size as the one it's replacing.

The building to contain more than 27,000 square feet of space is another step in a long term process of transforming the fairgrounds into a year round destination.

In recent years, greater use has been made of the grounds after the fair for major events like concerts, tractor pulls and pyrotechnic shows.

The goal is filling even more open dates on the calendar with other events like trade shows and horse competitions.

"We're taking this to the next level," said LaPorte County Council President Randy Novak.

Novak has formed an over 30 member committee to help sharpen the future vision for the county government owned fairgrounds along Indiana 2 just west of the La Porte city limits.

The new show arena will be at the same spot as the old facility demolished last week.

Dirt was later brought in as fill and the site leveled to prepare for construction expected to begin early next month.

Steve Mrozinski, president of the LaPorte County Agricultural Association board, which operates the fair, said the need for a new show arena outweighed the fond memories of past fairs and other events like weddings in the structure dating back to the early '60s.

"It was time for the building to be replaced," he said during a Wednesday groundbreaking.

An increase in La Porte County 4-H youth membership from roughly 700 to over 1,000 since last year and desire to further grow the enrollment was one of the reasons cited for building a much larger show arena.

The arena is where 4-H youth show their cows, goats and other

livestock for judging and bidding from prospective buyers during the fair.

At some point, the plan is to utilize the new show arena for housing all 4-H youth animals and building a show arena even larger than the one expected to be finished in November.

Currently, animals during the fair like cows, goats and chickens are kept in separate barns reserved for each species.

Mrozinski said housing all of the livestock at one location will allow other barns dating back to the 60's to be torn down so that space can be used for building the new permanent show arena.

Garner Construction of Hanna was hired to construct the show arena going up soon at a cost of around \$400,000.

Mrozinski said the show arena will be used for winter storage of campers, boats and other large items by the general public and the fees collected along with a percentage of profits from the fair will be used to finance the work.

Other buildings are also used for public winter storage from a decision several years ago to generate revenue from those facilities to improve and maintain the fairgrounds.

Mrozinski said space for storage in the buildings is created by removing portable pens used by 4-H youth to keep their animals during the fair.

The new show arena will ease what's become limited storage space from high demand.

"They're full and we got people waiting in line for more," he said.

Other improvements to the fairgrounds in recent years include new, much larger barns for cattle and hogs along with expanded seating in the grandstands, new bathrooms, improved drainage and replacement of old electrical wiring.

Youth is easily deceived because it is quick to hope.

— Aristotle

Guests celebrate 50 years of Skip's



State Rep. Joey Andrews (D-38) reads from a state tribute to Skip's



Kimberlee Wendt and state Rep. Joey Andrews (far left) and David McNabb (far left) pose with three generations of the Sobecki family - Brett, Barb, Matt, Rhonda and Hannah Crumley



Skip's celebrates golden anniversary

A 50-YEAR ICON

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

In 1974, Barb and Lawrence "Skip" Sobecki had a vision: to open a small bar in New Buffalo.

Decades later, that vision was being celebrated for evolving into Skip's Restaurant and Catering, a family-run icon of Harbor Country, during the restaurant's 50th anniversary celebration Friday, July 26.

Three generations of the Sobecki family, which included Barb, Bret, Rhonda, Matt and Hannah Crumley, were present to receive a tribute from the state from state Rep. Joey Andrews (D-38).

Having seen his grandfather work in the restaurant business, Andrews said that "anyone in the business knows that often, you spend more time at the restaurant than you do at home."

"In a lot of ways, you're being served food at a table by people who spend so much time and energy pouring into the community here and so what you guys have built over 50 years is incredible," he said.

Kimberlee Wendt,

executive director of the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce, said that Skip's was one of the chamber's original members.

"They've been with the chamber for 42 years - they were a big part of starting this chamber back then and they have been a constant in this area," Wendt said.

Per the tribute, Rhonda took over the business in 2005. She and her son, Matt, currently manage every aspect of the restaurant, with Rhonda overseeing catering, desserts and Skip's Open Air European Farmers Market. Meanwhile, Matt has led the kitchen as the head chef and third-generation owner since 2013.

At the chamber's annual dinner and meeting in 2022, Wendt said Rhonda spoke about perseverance, "getting tough when it gets

hard," being flexible and "reinventing the business to make sure they survive."

"And they certainly did," she said.

David McNabb, president of the chamber's board of

directors, said that he got his first job, which included mowing the lawn, trimming the bushes, washing the catering vans and loading them up, at Skip's when he was 11 years old.

Soon, he got promoted to coat check and bussing tables, which he did through high school.

Often, he'd see Skip from the beginning to the end of his shift - from when he arrived at 11 a.m. and left at 1 p.m.

"I'm honored to call this my start and how my career started - how I learned customer service and eventually sales was from this foundation," he said.

Per the tribute, Rhonda took over the business in 2005. She and her son, Matt, currently manage every aspect of the restaurant, with Rhonda overseeing catering, desserts and Skip's Open Air European Farmers Market. Meanwhile, Matt has led the kitchen as the head chef and third-generation owner since 2013.

Rhonda said that Skip's is "multigenerational."

The restaurant employs people who have had grandparents work there 50 years ago.

"We have employed so many people over the years and we're in our third generation ownership here," she said.

Those who work there often refer to themselves as being part of "Skip's Family."

"I think that comes from being a family owned versus being a franchise or corporate owned...We understand people have problems, such as when their car won't start or they can't get a sitter," she said.

Before Skip's, Barb said she and Skip, who passed away in 2009, were already adept at working hard to make something succeed: In 1964, they bought Heston Supper Club. A little tavern and grocery store, Barb said the now upscale restaurant in LaPorte was a "rough place" back then.

"It was just a tough little place in the country and everyone would say, 'Well,

you'll never make it," she said, adding that Skip was a builder and "enthusiast."

Barb said it's important to recognize the "good and bad" of any business venture.

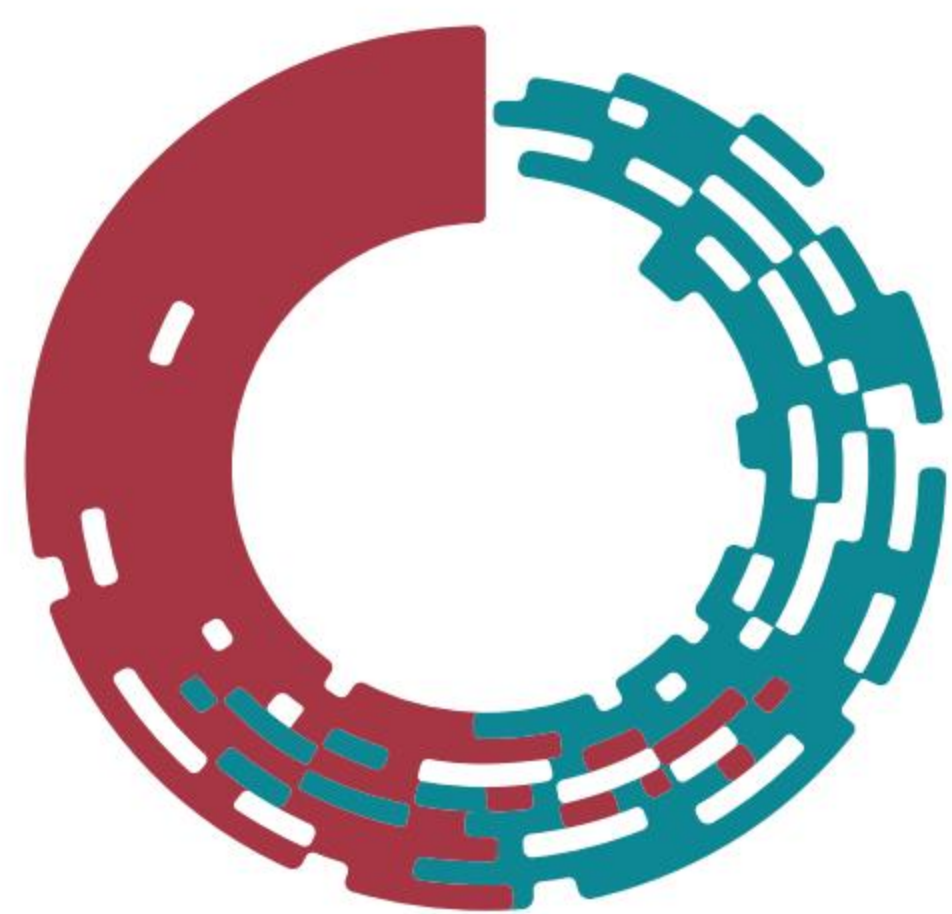
"It's just been a wonderful time - tough times, good times but always surviving times, I guess you can say, and we loved every minute of it," she said.

Devoted fans of Skip's gathered in a back room and reminisced about the restaurant's celebrated history.

Bill Buckner, who attended River Valley High School, said he's been eating there since the 1970s.

"The quality's never changed and everyone's still friendly after all these years... You get together with friends and it's kind of neat - the only argument you get into is who's buying dinner," he said.

Skip's Restaurant and Catering is located at 16710 Lakeshore Road in New Buffalo Township. More information can be found at www.skipsrestaurantandcatering.com.



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An evening for the animals at ‘Cocktails at Whispering Pines’

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

A once very emaciated dog who has now gained over 10 pounds after arriving at Michiana Humane Society (MHS) a couple weeks ago, Malcolm was in the spotlight at the shelter’s annual cocktail fundraiser, Cocktails at Whispering Pines, which took place Saturday, July 27.

“We work hard for these animals,” Johanna Humbert, executive director of MHS, said.

This year’s fundraiser took place at the home of Allison and Jeff Goldberg. Known as Whispering Pines, the 200-acre estate on the banks of the Galien River in Union Pier includes a cutting garden originally designed by Jason Spohn, two ponds, a birch grove and over four miles of trails.

Beverly Hammel, president of the MHS Board of Directors, said that proceeds from the event “provide a large part of our operating budget,” as well as the 1,000 animals the shelter will care for in 2024. A 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, MHS relies solely on private donations and doesn’t receive tax funds.

During last year’s “Fund a Paws” reverse auction, Humbert said that guests helped raise enough money to install a dental table in the shelter’s veterinary office.

Since that time and since Dr. Johanna Nimeth joined MHS, they’ve performed over 200 procedures in the vet suite.

“These animals come in needing a lot of help - it’s not only spays and neuters, it’s tooth extractions, it’s limb amputations if they’ve been hit by a car...We’re doing a lot of serious



Guests pose for a picture at Whispering Pines



Bob Fuhs, Richard Clark and Kevin Ludwig



Pam Dahms and Lani Myron visit with the adoptable Grabd



Guests enter Whispering Pines



Mixing and mingling under the large tent at Whispering Pines



MHS Board President Beverly Hammel welcomes the crowd



Erin Klapacz holds Grand, one of the adoptable puppies



Ryan and Shawn Nofziger



Allison Goldberg welcomes everyone to her home



Dr. Johanna Nimeth with Malcolm, who arrived at the shelter a couple weeks ago



Couples dance the night away at Whispering Pines



Soul Motown Allstars perform

vet work right at our shelter and it's saving us a ton of money and saving animals a ton of stress by keeping them onsite - and we do it because of your support," she said to the crowd.

This year's Fund a Paws raised money for a "chain of mechanical failures" around the building that have befallen the shelter since the beginning of the year: The air conditioner for the cat room had to be replaced during the June heat wave; the lawn mower, which prevents the grass from getting tall and ticks from coming in, had be replaced and the roof above the surgery table needs to be fixed due to a leak.

"We've just had more problems in a short period of time than our budget can support," Humber said.

As of Aug. 1, Fund-A-Paws raised \$60,300, although Humbert said a couple people have said they'll be adding to it. Funds raised from the event are currently at "\$330,000+

Live auction items included a week stay for 10 at "The Big Chill," a luxury mountain home in Telluride, Colorado; a Chicago Cubs package including four tickets behind first base plus parking and a dinner at Smoke Daddy Wrigleyville; a weekend stay for 10 and a catered lobster roll picnic at a private home in Lakeside, Michigan; a private dinner and wine pairing for 10 at Terrace Room; a week stay for eight at a ranch in Summit County, Colorado; an evening with three Outsider Chefs for 24 at an historic equestrian estate; a week stay for 12 at a private home in Charlevoix and four hours on a Lake Michigan yacht with a captain, bougie board charcuteries and two jet skis for two hours form Oselka Rentals for 12.

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Man charged with running a bar from home

BY STAN MADDUX

A LaPorte man is facing allegations that he ran a full service bar from his home with offerings that included food and gambling.

Scott Meece is charged in LaPorte Circuit Court with Level 6 felony maintaining a common nuisance along with two misdemeanor counts of selling alcohol beverages without a permit and unauthorized furnishing of alcoholic beverages.

According to court documents, the several month long investigation included an undercover officer from Indiana State Excise Police purchasing beer on separate occasions at the “Iron Horse Saloon” operated from an addition placed on the defendant’s residence in the 155 W. McClung Road.

The price for a beer was \$2 and \$3 for a mixed drink.

Police said there were about 15 people wearing mostly leather jackets and “Iron Horse Saloon” t-shirts inside the bar during each undercover visit along with men and women role playing as bartenders.

The investigation also revealed each person was charged \$10 to come inside and ID’s were checked to make sure everyone was at least 21, police said.

Police said the gambling included a game involving a \$20 buy in and winner choosing either the cash price or a motorcycle.

The investigation also revealed special events with a disk jockey were held at the alleged bar, which also made available sloppy joes and chips for \$5.

According to court documents, police became involved after Meece ignored a couple of cease and desist

orders from the LaPorte County Health Department for operating a business without a license.

Police said among the items seized during a June 14 search of the home were more than 200 brand name labeled bottles that contained anything from beer and hard lemonade to whiskey, tequila, vodka and rum.

There was also a significant amount of marijuana and wide variety of marijuana based products allegedly seized from the home.

According to court documents, Meece told investigators the Iron Horse Saloon was a not for profit organization and no alcohol was sold.

He described the cover charge and money collected for drinks as donations for a variety of worthy causes he contributed to.

Meece also claimed his alleged customers were all family members and friends bringing alcohol over on weekend visits.

However, police said the search turned up inventories of alcoholic beverages inside dated log books that contained the words “profit” or “bar profit” beside line item expenses subtracted from monies collected.

There were also 16 documented rules for the bar that included employee dress codes and how the bar should be restocked for all upcoming events, police said.

Meece, who was released from the LaPorte County Jail the day following his arrest on July 17, could face anywhere from a six month to 30 month sentence on the felony charge.

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ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19



Be aware that you are getting an extra dose of passion, drama and excitement this week. So, be sure to channel it to something productive. It will be easy to slip into party monster mode but it may cost you; steer clear of that. Use the vibe to show off your talents and impress instead.

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20



Much of the stellar energy coming in this week is focused on the home and family. That doesn't mean smooth sailing or a comfortable rest. Unfortunately, you may have some fires to put out or may have to deal with an unpleasant family member. Claim your independence.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21



Be careful with the things you say this week. You may inadvertently cause some uncertainty or instability, which could have some effect on your places of solitude or refreshment. Even if you are declaring love for someone, consider the time and place before blurting it out.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22



This is a great time to get healthy and invest in your well-being. Your career will continue to open up and you will see a lot of improvements in your workplace, especially with the equipment and technology. The relationship area may not be so hot yet, but that too is in the process of change.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22



A new attitude and a sunnier disposition are coming your way this week. You can expect to feel much more passionate about your life and its purpose. Start living and enjoying life more. Don't let people control your views or personal projects. It's time to claim what's yours and own it.

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22



It's always darkest before the dawn and it seems like we have to go it alone and prove our strength before help arrives. But it will arrive, my friend. There may be some shadows you need to face before that Florence Nightingale enters the scene but you will survive and certainly thrive.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22



Things at home may not be easy to deal with but if you keep the conversations focused on the positive, it will definitely lighten the mood. You may not realize how persuasive you are but Libra generally sets the tone for most interactions. Set that dial to love and lightheartedness.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21



There may be some uneasiness or shadows you need to face in your one-on-one relationships. Rather than lash out and hash out all the issues, simply take back your power by walking away from what isn't working. Focus on planting the seeds for a new direction and trust your instincts.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21



This is it, Archer. Time for you to embark on that journey into the great big world and discover your talents and inner purpose. There are opportunities coming in now that will help you make your mark in the world. Embrace the week with gusto and go for it!

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19



There will be a deepening of the bonds this week as you become more committed to an idea or purpose. Whether you decide to take the extra step in a relationship or sign a long-term lease, you will be much more involved and serious about obligations; not leaving much time for the beach.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



Your interpersonal relationships may feel uneasy or tested in some way. There may be a sense of disconnectedness or a feeling that there is no common ground on which you can come together on. Now is the time to plant the seeds for change in relationships. Plant them and see what comes up.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20



There may be some challenges with coworkers this week and you may feel like you are dealing with a motley band of hooligans. The good news is they do work well and you will be able to count on them to get things done. It's time to take the lead and drive this one home.



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- 5 Encounter
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- 8 Greek letter
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- 20 Edible root
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- 24 Medieval fiddle
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No one that encounters prosperity does not also encounter danger. — Heraclitus

OBITUARIES



Shirley E. Covert 1928-2024

Shirley E. Covert, age 95, passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2024. She was born on August 15, 1928, to Stanley and Victoria Mankowski, New Buffalo, Michigan.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Howard (Hop) Covert. She is survived by her children, Kevin Covert, Scott Covert, Stacie Landron, and Kyle Covert; grandchildren, Hannah Covert, Ian Covert, and Danielle Landron; and great-grandson CJ DeLallo.

Visitation with Shirley's family took place on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at the Sommerfeld Chapel, and the Funeral Mass for Shirley was on Monday, July 22, 2024, at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church. Burial will take place at Pine Grove Cemetery later. Donations in Shirley's name can be made to Caring Circle Hospice or St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church for a more lasting memory.

Her childhood was filled with working on their Wilson Road farm, which helped them deal with the stress

and failures of the Great Depression. A part of their family life was managing the Grove restaurant that would later become Redamaks. As a young woman, she loved to play piano, saxophone, and dance. She spent many good times at The Reo on the beach in New Buffalo. She married Hop Covert after the war and enjoyed life in South Bend while Hop attended Notre Dame. After graduation, they moved to New Jersey to establish and raise four children; she became involved in St. Matthew Church in Edison. She was active in the church choir, bingo, and the parish theatrical group. This group evolved into the Edison Valley Playhouse, with Shirley on the founding board. She frequently served as a stage manager and acted in several productions. She very quickly became involved in other theatrical groups in the area. They eventually moved back to their home in New Buffalo, where she participated in the Tin Tree Theater. She was also very active in the local high school community especially supporting high school senior social activities and with the Bison Boosters program. As Hop neared retirement, Shirley decided to start a business. She was a great cook and opened and built the New Buffalo Bakery and Sub shop. It was a success and became a gathering place for the local community. This supported them until her retirement and sale of the business.

Richard Allen Nekvasil 1940-2024

Richard Allen Nekvasil, 84, of Galien, formerly of New Buffalo, died Sunday, July 28, 2024, in the presence of his family.

His life began May 8, 2024 in Niles, Michigan, the middle of seven children born to Paul and Vera Nekvasil. He married Linda Sue Grafford in New Buffalo in January 8, 1966.

Richard served his country as a proud Army veteran. You could always find him spending time outdoors in his garden, working on his flower beds and on his tractors.

Richard will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by four daughters, Deb (Wendell) Ford of Michigan City, Indiana, Dawn (Lee) Schelling of Michigan City, Indiana, Tami Kendall of Galien, Niky (Chuck) Janas of Westville, Indiana; twelve grandchildren; two great grandchildren, one sister, Mary (Rod) Fredenburg of South Bend, Indiana, two brothers, Frank (RuthAnn) Nekvasil of Colorado and Mike (Sue) Nekvasil of Colorado; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Rebecca Nekvasil; two sisters, Betty Shail and Chris Norden;

one brother, Paul Nekvasil; and one son-in law Jeffery Kendall

Family and friends will gather Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 noon in Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, 106 Ash Street East, Three Oaks.

Richard will be laid to rest in Galien Township Cemetery.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Richard be made to Three Oaks American Legion Post 204

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Pobocik Chapel, Three Oaks. Please share a memory or a message online at www.wagnercares.com.



Daryl James Spencer 1948-2024

Daryl James Spencer, 75, of Baroda, died peacefully, Wednesday, July 24, 2024, in the presence of his family.

His life began August 20, 1948, in Harrisburg, Arkansas, the youngest of five children born to Velbert and

Vivian Spencer. He married Elizabeth "Ann" Buller December 23, 1977, in St. Johns Church, Three Oaks.

Daryl was a graduate of River Valley Schools. He honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, returning to his continued employment with Bendix/Allied Signal in St. Joseph until retirement in 1996. He was proud to serve as a reserve police officer in Three Oaks and Galien. Daryl had a passion for airplanes, from building to collecting model airplanes to becoming a student pilot, even taking solo flights. In the earlier days of marriage, he and Ann enjoyed traveling and dancing. After retirement, he enjoyed mowing and taking care of lawns for himself and his neighbors. He genuinely enjoyed offering to assist his neighbors, by mowing lawns. Daryl had a wicked and fun sense of humor.

Daryl will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his beloved wife of forty-seven years, Ann Spencer of Baroda; son, James Anthony Spencer of North Carolina; daughter-in-law, Shannon Spencer of North Carolina; grandson, Caleb; beloved puppy, Daisy May; sisters-in-law, Yolanda Buller of Battle Creek, Darlene "DeeDee" Buller of Three Oaks; brother-in-law, Albert (Janet) Buller of Battle Creek; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Eldean Johnson, Linda Purtha;

brothers, Edward Spencer, Carl Spencer; father and mother-in-law, Albert Sr. and Lillian Buller; sisters-in-law, Ellen Spencer, Katie Spencer; brothers-in-law, Neal Greer, Frank Johnson, Victor Purtha, Dennis Buller, Sr., Robert Buller, Sr., infant, Delbert Buller.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 11:00 a.m. in Real Life Community Church, 12 Michigan Street East, Three Oaks.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of West Woods of Bridgman for their excellent care and concern for Daryl. They would also like to express gratitude to his niece Debbie Spencer, for her tremendous support and care during his illness.

Ann extends a heartfelt thank you to her close friends Lynne Keefer and Tommi Peterson for supporting her in Daryl's final hours, and Marcia Sherrill, Connie Smith, Candice Conley, and Beth Ann Jimerson for always being there for her.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Daryl be made to the Michiana Humane Society, 722 IN 212, Michigan City, Indiana 46360 or to Caring Circle Hospice, 4025 North Park Lane, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

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NEW BUFFALO
RECEIVES NATIONAL
FLUORIDATION AWARD

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced last week that New Buffalo was one of seven Michigan water systems that have been awarded the 2023 Community Water Fluoridation 50 Year Award from the American Dental Association, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The seven systems are Allegan, Bangor, Blissfield, Boyne City, Manchester, New Buffalo and Portage.

Per press release, recipients are recognized for "continuously adjusting and maintaining the amount of fluoride in drinking water for the prevention of tooth decay in adults and children. The award is given to those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoride in drinking water for 50 consecutive years, starting in 1973."

"MDHHS celebrates the Michigan communities exceeding CDC recommendations by having 90 percent of our population on community water systems accessing fluoridated water," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "These awards demonstrate the commitment to high quality water determined by CDC. Water fluoridation has proven its effectiveness in preventing tooth decay throughout one's lifetime and keeping Michigan residents healthy."

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. It has been recognized by the CDC as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. The CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing decay.

In 2023, a total of 86 public water systems in 26 states received these awards, including seven communities in Michigan. Nationally, nearly 75% (more than 211 million people) served by community water systems have access to optimally fluoridated tap water, the release states. — STAFF REPORTS

PET OF
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BEATRICE

Beatrice is the "sweetest little snugglebug ever, and oves to be held like a baby, too." She is spayed and her vaccinations are up-to-date. Her fur is soft, soft, soft. Which makes it even easier to pet her because she melts into all love and affection! Sure, toys and catnip are always welcomed, but she really is happiest with attention and interaction. Beatrice's only ask is that she can be the only cat in the home. And with a face like hers, how could you say no?

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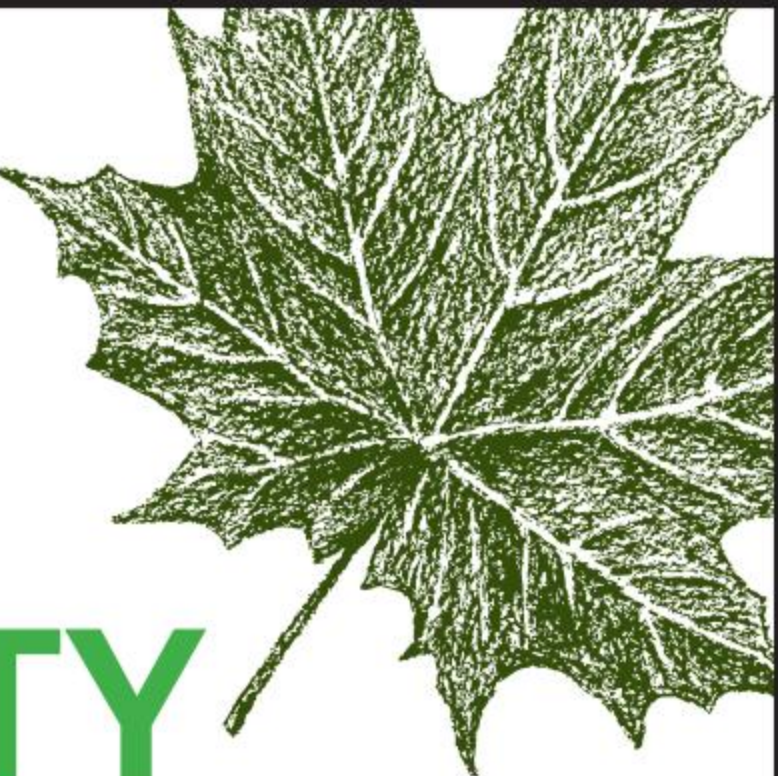
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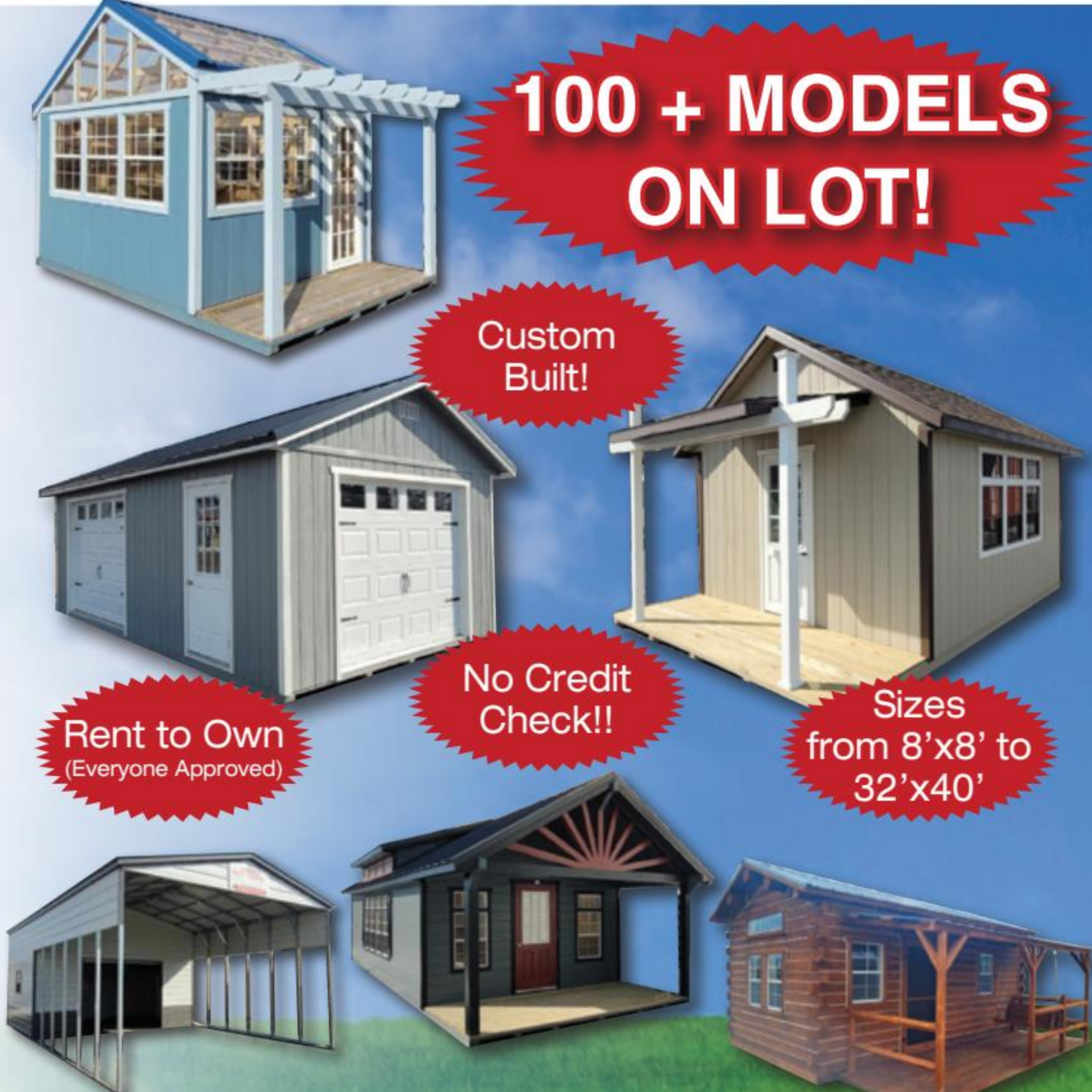
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Mother with children in car leads police on high speed pursuit

BY STAN MADDUX

A woman is accused of leading police in the Michigan City area on a lengthy motor vehicle chase topping 120 miles per hour with her children riding with her.

Samantha Jo Ravenscroft, 33, is charged in LaPorte Superior Court 4 with resisting law enforcement, battery to a law enforcement officer, possession of methamphetamine, criminal recklessness and two counts of neglect of a dependent.

According to court documents, Ravenscroft was behind the wheel of a car on Monday, July 28 when a Trail Creek Police officer just before 4 a.m. clocked her speeding in the area of U.S. 20 and Johnson Road.

The officer attempted to make a traffic stop but Ravenscroft began accelerating, triggering a pursuit that continued westbound on Interstate 94.

Officers from the Michigan City Police Department and LaPorte County Sheriff's Office joined the pursuit, which several miles later veered northbound on U.S. 421 and westbound on 400 North, police said.

At one point during the chase, police said a bag of methamphetamine was tossed out of her passenger side window.

According to court documents, the woman was still traveling at a high rate

of speed on County Line Road when stop sticks placed on the pavement by another officer flattened at least one of her tires near U.S. 20.

She continued to drive until stopping on Beverly Drive near Mt. Baldy on Michigan City's west side.

Police said the bag later recovered contained 1.2 grams of methamphetamine.

While transporting her to the LaPorte County Jail, police said Ravenscroft from the back seat kicked a sheriff's deputy operating the vehicle on the right shoulder.

He pulled over and waited for other officers, who placed shackles around her legs to prevent the deputy from being kicked again while resuming his trip to the jail.

Police said her 14 year old son and 13 year old daughter were taken to their grandmother's home in LaCrosse.

Ravenscroft, whose record shows past convictions on lower level felonies and misdemeanors for crimes like possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license and violating probation, was being held without bond pending her initial court appearance.



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Ribbon is cut on O & Co.

Owners of the O & Co. boutique with family, friends and the Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce, cut the ribbon to officially open their doors Wednesday, July 10.

The trio of owners, Melanie Owen, Kelsey Vollrath and Thomas Hynzy, welcomed the curious crowd at 4209 Lake Street in downtown Bridgman.

Guests explored the lush greenery area that hosts a new plant exchange library whereby growers bring their cuttings to trade. Warm bookcases stood stocked with essential oils, crystals, books and products to help people relax and regroup themselves. Kids and adults alike planted succulent seedlings to take home at the DIY crafting bar while happily chatting.

Light refreshments were served in the additional event space to highlight the intimate feel of the room that holds up to 30 people. Melanie Owen spoke about how the group of owners integrated their passions to establish the experience boutique. A wandering wall mural full of colorful flowers created by local artist, Kelsey Vollrath sets the celebratory mood for groups that reserve the private rental area. The vibe is perfect for a baby shower, book club meeting or crafting group.

A variety of classes will be held at O. & Co. year round to experience craft making, plant care, yoga and painting. They also welcome drop-in customers to experience their pop up in-store experiences which will showcase small craft projects or potting demonstrations.

For more information, visit www.owensistersandco.com, call 269-235-0686 or send an email to owensistersandco@gmail.com.

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O & Co. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 10



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